

What is claimed is:

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1. An isolated DNA comprising a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID

2. A host cell comprising an isolated DNA according to claim 1.

3. A vector molecule comprising at least a fragment of an isolated DNA according to claim 1.

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sequences.

4 A vector molecule according to claim 4 comprising transcriptional control

5. An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

6. An isolated polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

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7. An isolated DNA comprising a nucleic acid sequence that encodes the polypeptide of claim 6.

8. An isolated DNA comprising a nucleic acid sequence of from about 30 to about 50 nucleotides that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to the isolated DNA of claim 1.

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9. A host cell comprising a vector molecule according to claim 4.

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10. A vertebrate host cell which can be propagated in vitro and which is capable upon growth in culture of producing a polypeptide according to claim 5, wherein said

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11. A vertebrate cell according to claim 10 wherein said one or more transcriptional control DNA sequences are non-human transcriptional control sequences.

10 the DNA of claim 7 in cartilage from a human, wherein said elevated transcription is diagnostic
of said human's suffering from arthritis.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said DNA has the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

polypeptide or fragments thereof in non-arthritis synovial fluid, is diagnostic of said human's suffering from arthritis.

25 amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment thereof and detecting specific binding of said antibody with a polypeptide in said synovial fluid, wherein detection of specific binding to a polypeptide indicates the presence of a polypeptide that comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment thereof.

16. A purified antibody or a fragment thereof which specifically binds to a polypeptide that comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment of a polypeptide that comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

5 17. An antibody fragment according to claim 16 which is an Fab or F(ab')₂ fragment.

18. An antibody according to claim 16 which is a polyclonal antibody.

10 19. An antibody according to claim 16 which is a monoclonal antibody.

20. A method for producing human adlcan polypeptides which comprises:
culturing a host cell having incorporated therein an expression vector containing
an exogenously-derived human adlcan-encoding polynucleotide under conditions sufficient for
expression of human adlcan polypeptides in the host cell, thereby causing the production of an
expressed polypeptide; and
recovering the polypeptide produced by said cell.

21. An isolated DNA molecule with a nucleotide sequence complementary to
the nucleotide sequence of the isolated DNA according to claim 1.

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